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NATIONAL ELK REFUGE TO HOST NATIVE PLANT WALK

The National Elk Refuge is offering a plant walk for the public on Wednesday, July 5, 2006. ***Wild Plants: Their Histories and Uses*** will begin at 9:30 AM at the Miller House Historic Site, located $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north of the National Elk Refuge entrance on East Broadway Street in Jackson, on the Refuge Road. The program will conclude by noon. The walk is free of charge and limited to twelve participants. Reservations are required; call the National Elk Refuge Headquarters at 307/733-9212, ext. 227 to sign up for the program. Participants should wear sturdy footwear and plan to hike on steep terrain at a leisurely pace.

The walk will be led by Jean Jorgensen and Klara Varga, two instructors who share a love and knowledge of Jackson Hole native plants. Jean Jorgensen has led classes on native plants and their uses at the Teton Science Schools for the past nine years. In addition to her work at the Teton Science Schools, Jean was an owner and operator of a local herb store where she made tinctures, salves and teas. Klara Varga is the botanist for Grand Teton National Park, a position she has held for three years. Klara has been a botanist in the Jackson Hole area for the past thirteen years. Together, the two instructors bring a variety of information and interesting stories to share with the class.

The Miller House Historic Site opened for the 2006 season on May 27 and will remain open to the public free of charge from 10 AM to 4 PM daily, seven days a week, through Labor Day weekend. Quilting demonstrations are held each Saturday and Sunday, showcasing a variety of techniques and quilts. For more information about the Miller House, visit the Jackson Hole & Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center at 532 North Cache Street in Jackson.

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